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13.09.2001Applicant
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1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
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4. REMINDER

The applicant must enter the national phase before each elected Office by performing certain acts (filing translations and paying national fees) within 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 39(1)) (see also the reminder sent by the International Bureau with Form PCT/IB/301).

Where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report. It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare and furnish such translation directly to each elected Office concerned.

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The applicant's attention is drawn to Article 33(5), which provides that the criteria of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability described in Article 33(2) to (4) merely serve the purposes of international preliminary examination and that "any Contracting State may apply additional or different criteria for the purposes of deciding whether, in that State, the claimed inventions is patentable or not" (see also Article 27(5)). Such additional criteria may relate, for example, to exemptions from patentability, requirements for enabling disclosure, clarity and support for the claims.

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<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of 8 sheets.</p>		
<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the opinion II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application 		
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PCT/DK02/00598**I. Basis of the report**

1. With regard to the elements of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, Pages

1-7 received on 13.11.2003 with letter of 11.11.2003

Claims, Numbers

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Drawings, Sheets

1/2, 2/2 as published

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- contained in the international application in written form.
- filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages:
- the claims, Nos.:
- the drawings, sheets:

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5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)).

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1 - 4
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1 - 4
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1 - 4
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

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ad section V:

1. Novelty:

Claims 1 to 4 meet the requirements of article 33(2) PCT:

None of documents cited in the search report disclose a device suitable for removing a tick as claimed in claims 1 to 4.

2. Inventive step:

Claims 1 to 4 meet the requirements of article 33(3) PCT:

The problem to be solved by the present application is to propose a simple device for removing ticks or blood sucking insects which is adapted to be kept in a bag.

The man skilled in the art does not receive any teaching from the cited prior art on how this problem can be easily solved. As the device is made of a stiff material provided with the claimed finger one gets hold of the tick and the removal of the insect is facilitated.

3. The industrial applicability of the claimed subject matter is evident in the field of parasite removal.

The description is not in conformity with the claims as required by Rule 5.1(a)(iii) PCT: this refers to the stated problem on page 1, lines 15 to 19, to the embodiment disclosed on page 2, lines 12 to 15 and the embodiments shown in figures 1 to 5, which are not anymore claimed and the respective description of these embodiments (Article 6 PCT).

A Device by way of example for personal hygiene

The present invention concerns a device, e.g. for personal hygiene, and of the kind indicated in the preamble of claim 1.

5 Arrangements of that kind are known by way of example as small disposable packings, most often in the form of tear-open bags of plastic or metal film containing a folded wet tissue for cleaning hands and/or face. In connection with car wash in automatic facilities on service stations it is also known that corresponding tear-open bags of plastic or metal film containing prepared tissue for use in cleaning wax from the

10 windshield for the car are handed out. In some cases, a number of cohering tear-up bags are handed out, which are intended to be separated by means of perforations, and which may contain tissues prepared with different cleaning agents and possibly a dry tissue for final wiping of the windshield of the car.

15 On this background, it is the purpose of the invention to provide a new and improved device of the kind mentioned in the preamble, and which in a simple way makes it possible for persons to carry with one or more devices with the intention of cleaning hands or other body parts, e.g. armpits, and to apply deodorant or scenting agent on said body parts.

20 The device according to the invention is characterised in that said device is made of a relatively stiff material such as cardboard or plastic, and that said device in a corner area is provided with a flexible finger, which at an outer end is provided with a slit or narrowing for use in removing a tick or corresponding blood sucking insect, which has bitten on to and bored its snout down into the skin of a person or an animal. The device according to the invention may be manufactured and distributed very cheaply as the device may be partly financed by commercial advertisements due to the preferable display surface.

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Suitably, the device according to the invention is thus designed, that another corner area is also provided with a mainly acute angled slit or narrowing adapted for use in releasing a tick or a similar insect.

5 Preferably, the device according to the invention is thus designed so that the cleaning tissue preferably has a size which is greater than that of the carrier or reservoir.

Suitably, the device is further designed so that the cover films are provided with a corner or tongue section, which is not connected with the device, and which is intended
10 for use in pulling off the cover films.

It may be further advantageous that the device is made with a preferably transverse perforation extending between the tissue and the carrier or reservoir, respectively, and which are intended as aid for dividing the device into a part containing a covered tissue and a part containing a covered carrier or a covered reservoir, respectively.
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Furthermore the device according to the invention may be such provided, that it on one side has two film covered fields, namely a field in which is laid a disinfecting tissue and a field in which is laid a plaster, and that said fields externally are covered by means of one or more cover film pieces consisting of preferably easily removable (peel-able) plastic or metal film.
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The invention is explained in the following in more detail in connection with the drawing, on which:

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Fig. 1 shows an embodiment of a device according to the invention,

Fig. 2 shows further embodiment of a device according to the invention.

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Fig. 3 shows an alternative embodiment of a device according to the invention,

Fig. 4 shows the front side of still an embodiment of a device according to the invention in the shape of a "BorreliaCard" for use in releasing a tick,

Fig. 5 shows the back side of the "BorreliaCard" shown in Fig. 4, and

5 Fig. 6 shows a preferred embodiment of a "BorreliaCard" according to the invention.

The device 2 shown in Fig. 1 is sized as credit card, i.e. with a length of about 85 mm, width of about 54 mm and thickness of about 2 mm. On a side facing downward in the plane of the paper in Fig. 1, the device 2 has a display surface intended as advertising space that may contribute to financing the device so that it can be made cheap and attractive. On the upwardly facing side, the device is provided with hygienic articles in the shape of a preferably folded cleaning tissue 4 contained in the first, left field 5, which is externally covered by means of a film piece 6 connected with the device 2 along the circumference of the field 5. The cover film 6 is preferably easily removable (peelable). The cleaning tissue 4 is prepared with a cleaning agent and possibly an antiperspirant. A corner 7 of the cover film 6 is not connected with the device 2 so that it is easy to get hold on the film 6 for tearing this off so that access to the cleaning tissue is created.

10 A lesser, right field 8, also covered by means of a peelable cover film 9, contains a carrier, e.g. a pad 10, for a scenting agent, or is designed as a reservoir 11 containing a scenting agent.

15 The cover films 6 and 9 are mutually separated by means of a transverse perforation 12 which also makes it possible to break the device 2 into two parts, namely a part containing the cleaning tissue 4 and a part containing the said carrier, the pad 10, or the reservoir 11.

20 A modified embodiment of a device 14 according to the invention is shown in Fig. 2, where the largest, left field 15 contains a larger cleaning tissue (wet tissue) or possibly a moistened cleaning pad prepared with a cleaning agent, e.g. chlorhexidine, and pos-

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sibly an antiperspirant. A lesser, right field 16 is shaped round. This field 16, which has a cover film with a tearing tongue 17, contains a scenting agent, as the field 16 either may be formed as a small reservoir or may contain a carrier for the scenting agent.

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An alternative device 18 according to the invention including shaving accessories is shown in Fig. 3, where the device 18 at the top has a shaft part 20, which is adapted to be broken off along a perforation 21, and which then may be joined with a transverse, also breakable knife part 22, which is broken along a transverse perforation 23 including a notch 24 in which an end part 24 of the shaft part 20, which in advance has been adapted by breaking off an extreme end part 25, may be fastened. The device 18 also includes two fields 26 and 27 of which one field 26 contains shaving cream or gel, whereas the other field contains a carrier or a reservoir of after-shave lotion. Both fields 26 and 27 are covered by means of cover films 28 and 29, respectively, with a tongue part 30 for facilitating pulling off the cover films.

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As mentioned, the device according to the invention preferably has a size corresponding to a credit card, i.e. designed with rounded corners with a length of about 85 mm, a width of about 54 mm and a total thickness less than 4 mm, preferably less than 2 mm.

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For example, the device according to the invention may be thus designed that the folded cleaning tissue has a length/width of about 44 x 44 mm, and that the carrier or reservoir has a length/width of about 24 x 44 mm. Alternatively, the folded cleaning tissue may have a length/width of about 56 x 44 mm, whereas the carrier or reservoir may correspondingly have a length/width of about 12 x 44 mm.

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Another alternative would be that carrier or reservoir prepared with or containing scenting agent is made round, e.g. with a diameter of 12 mm, or elliptic, e.g. with a small circle diameter of about 12 mm and a large circle diameter of about 20 mm.

The "BorreliaKort" 32 shown in Figs. 4 and 5 is designed in a corner area 34 with an acutely angled slit or cut-out 36 adapted for use in removing a tick or similar insect that has bitten onto and bored down into the skin of a person or an animal, e.g. a dog.

5 The card 32 is by way of example printed with the following instructions on the front side:

STOP the TICK!

- Place the slit of the Borrelia card under the tick's abdomen as close to the skin as possible
- 10 • Push the card forward so that the tick is lifted out calmly and firmly
- Treat subsequently with chlorhexidine and possibly plaster

The disclosed slit or cut-out 36, which may end up in a circular hole, may alternatively, or as a supplement, also be provided at a short side of the card. The "BorreliaCard" will hereby act as a pre-stressed spring which by itself, after placing under and around the tick, will provide a certain pulling or elevation action on the tick so that it, including mouth parts, will be pulled or lifted off the skin. According to another alternative embodiment, the "BorreliaCard" may be designed with a hole with the shape as a keyhole or other suitable profile which makes it possible to move the card down over the tick and to wedge it in a narrowing of the hole.

At the back side of the card 32 (Fig. 5) there are two film covered fields, namely a field 38 in which is laid a disinfecting cleaning tissue 40 moistened with chlorhexidine, and a field 42 in which laid a piece of plaster 44.

25 A preferred embodiment of a "BorreliaCard" is shown in Fig. 6, where a corner area is provided with a flexible finger 4, which at an outer end 48 is provided with a slit or narrowing 50 for use in removing a tick or corresponding blood sucking insect. The flexible finger 46 contributes to optimising the function of the "BorreliaCard", so that one gets hold of the tick with certainty. Besides, the "BorreliaCard", shown in Fig. 6, 30 is at another corner 52 provided with a supplementing lesser slit or narrowing 54.

The preferred embodiment of a "Borreliacard" shown in Fig. 6 is made of relatively thin plastic material which is preferably without printed instructions, as the "Borreliacard" in this form preferably is intended to be laid into a folded, card-like brochure or guidance for use, which is finally sealed in a transparent plastic packing, and which furthermore may contain a number of individually packed cleaning tissues and/or a number of individually packed plasters.

According to a further alternative the said hygienic article of the device may be constituted by shaving accessories in the shape of a disposable razor, possibly made up of several parts, and shaving cream or gel in the said reservoir and possibly after-shave lotion contained in said carrier or in a further reservoir.

According to a still further alternative, the device according to the invention may include restaurant accessories in the form of a number of reservoirs, by way of example containing salt, pepper, toothpicks and possibly a piece of plate-shaped chewing gum for tooth cleaning.

According to a still further alternative, the device according to the invention may contain sewing accessories in the form of a number of reservoirs e.g. containing sewing threads, sewing needles, buttons, safety pins etc.

According to a still further alternative, the device according to the invention may contain smoking accessories in the form of a number of reservoirs that by way of example contain a number of matches and a pipe cleaner.

According to a still further alternative, the device according to the invention may include a reservoir containing at least one contraceptive. A further possibility would be that the device also contains medicine, particularly in the form of pills or tablets by way of example head-ache pills or chewing tablets against sour stomach etc.

According to a still further alternative, the device according to the invention may be designed so that said hygienic article are constituted by anti-smoking articles in the

form of a number of nicotine plasters and/or preferably sheet-like nicotine chewing gum.

Finally, it is to be mentioned that the device in principle may contain quite different objects or article, such as screws, nails or sweets (confectionery).

CLAIMS

1. A device adapted for keeping in wallet, pocket, bag, or similar place, said device is designed as a credit card in size and preferably has a display surface intended for commercial use, *characterised* in, that said device is made of a relatively stiff material such as cardboard or plastic, and that said device in a corner area is provided with a flexible finger (46), which at an outer end (48) is provided with a slit or narrowing (50) for use in removing a tick or corresponding blood sucking insect, which has bitten on to and bored its snout down into the skin of a person or an animal.
- 10 2. A device according to claim 1, *characterised* in, that another corner area (52) is also provided with a mainly acute angled slit or narrowing (54) adapted for use in releasing a tick or a similar insect.
- 15 3. A device according to claims 1, *characterised* in, that it on one side has two film covered fields, namely a field (38) in which is laid a disinfecting tissue (40) and a field (42) in which is laid a plaster (44), and that said fields externally are covered by means of one or more cover film pieces consisting of preferably easily removable (peelable) plastic or metal film.
- 20 4. A device according to claim 3, *characterised* in that said tissue (40) has a size which is greater than that of the field (38), and that said cover films are provided with a corner or tongue section, which is not connected with the device, and which is intended for use in pulling off the cover films.

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